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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Entry of this amendment which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is respectfully requested.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 2, 3, 4, and 7.

1 8. (Amended) The billiard cue of claim 1 wherein the shaft is
2 formed of a material having a modulus of elasticity greater than or equal to 4.3×10^6
3 P.S.I.

Add the following new claim:

Sub D 37 13. (New) A billiard cue comprising:
a shaft having a wall with an outer surface and a tip end and an opposed end, a hollow bore extending from the tip end for at least a predetermined distance along the length of the shaft toward the opposed end to reduce the mass of the tip end to minimize cue ball deflection on impact with the cue, the bore devoid of material having a weight lighter than the material forming the shaft surrounding the bore.